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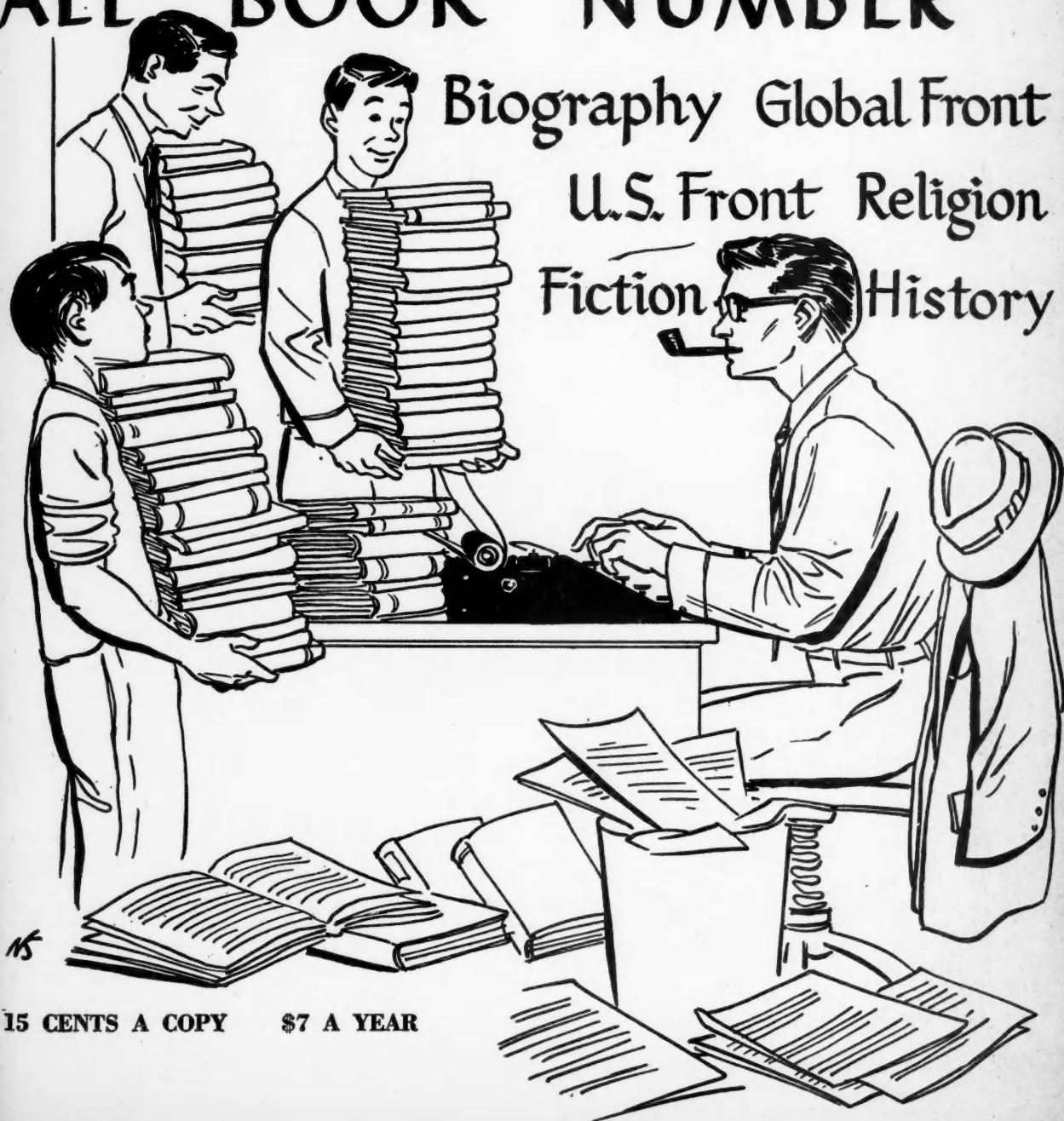
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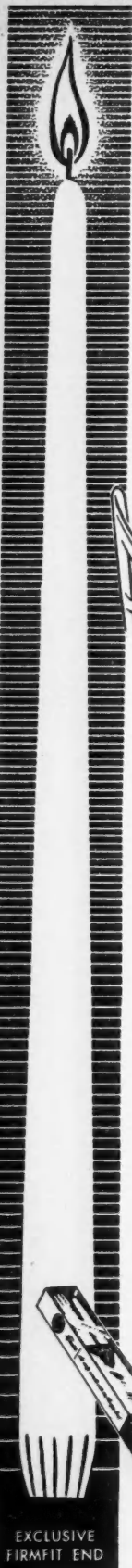
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## Thanksgiving

It would be easy to be cheaply cynical over the idea of setting a day apart, in these troubled and difficult times, to give thanks to God for His benefits to us. Yet the thoughtful will find reason to admit that we in the United States have been blessed—more, indeed, than we have deserved—by the hand of Providence. The least of these blessings is that we have achieved, in a world half enslaved and largely devastated, “a standard of living and a degree of comfort never before attained by so many people in any nation,” as the Catholic Hierarchy reminds us in their recent Annual Statement. Many among us, refugees from Communist tyranny, will on this Thanksgiving Day raise grateful hands to the God who delivered them from a horrible captivity. And all of us must be thankful that, while so many nations have lost their freedom or hold on to it by a narrow margin, our free institutions stand unshaken. It is “truly right and just” to give thanks to God. The Bishops urge the “religious observance of . . . national holidays.” For Catholics, Mass and Holy Communion are the proper way to give thanks.

## More UN proposals for Korea

Two more possible solutions to the intricate PW question have been offered the UN. The United States can accept neither of them without sacrificing her humane stand on prisoner repatriation. On November 14 Pakistan suggested an immediate cease-fire, leaving the PW question hanging fire until after the armistice. To this the U. S. delegation replied that the American people would not countenance an armistice while the fate of American prisoners remained in the balance. Three days later India made public her plan. It endorses the principle that force be not used either “to prevent or effect” the return of PW’s to their homelands. Ninety days after an armistice a special conference, which would also discuss the broader issues of Korean unity and peace in the Far East, would determine the status of those prisoners refusing to return home. But what would happen to them in the meantime? In reality the Indian solution calls for their forcible retention, since the only way they could leave the prison camps would be by electing to return either to Red China or Communist North Korea. Join the Indian proposal with Mexico’s, which would give reluctant PW’s asylum in other countries, and there might be some basis for discussion from the American viewpoint. Yet unless Russia suddenly shows a change of heart, neither of these solutions is likely to provide grounds for a compromise in the UN. As long as the UN has to deal with an intransigent Russia, any proposal based on the principle of nonforcible repatriation becomes academic.

## Lend-lease for Japan

On November 12 the Japanese rearmament program advanced a step further toward realization, as Ambassador Robert D. Murphy and Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki signed a lend-lease agree-

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ment similar to those between the United States and her World War II allies. According to its terms, we will lend Japan a fleet of 18 frigates and 50 landing craft destined for the Maritime Safety Force, Japan’s embryo navy. It was the first such agreement signed by Japan for the acquisition of war matériel from her American ally. Previously, the military appropriations granted the Far East Command had covered the expenses for Japanese defense. Now that Japan has regained her sovereignty, she is eligible for arms aid under the Military Defense Assistance Program. Ironically enough, some of the vessels are among those lent to Russia during the war and just recently returned to the United States. They may yet see service as watchdogs in Nemuro Strait, where the Russian-held Kurile Islands threaten Japan’s northernmost coasts.

## South African deadlock

The crisis that has been building up for more than two years over Premier Daniel F. Malan’s law restricting the colored franchise in South Africa (AM. 9/13, p. 562) is now moving on three levels. On the *constitutional level*, Dr. Malan suffered a decisive setback Nov. 13 when South Africa’s highest court decided unanimously that his attempt to circumvent previous adverse court decisions by the creation of a “High Court of Parliament” (i.e., Parliament sitting as a court to judge its own actions) was in violation of the Union’s organic law. “The so-called High Court of Parliament,” said Chief Justice Centlivres of the Court of Appeals, “is not a court of law but simply Parliament functioning under another name.” Dr. Malan said on Nov. 14 that he would take the question to the electorate next spring. *The resistance campaign*, begun by Negro leaders last June as a program of civil disobedience to the *apartheid* (segregation) laws, flared into violence Nov. 9-11, when some forty persons were killed in rioting in Kimberly, East London and Port Elizabeth. The immediate cause was resistance to the Government’s ban on even peaceful meetings of Negroes. Behind this lay the absence of any conciliatory gesture by the Government, especially its failure to consult with moderate Negro leaders. At this writing an uneasy truce prevails in the riot areas, which are patrolled by heavily armed police. *In the United Nations*, an Arab-Asian-Latin American resolution calling for UN condemnation of the *apartheid* policy

provoked sharp debate as to the international organization's competence in such cases. This we discuss more at length in an editorial on p. 228.

### **The Vatican at Unesco**

A strong delegation represents the Vatican at Unesco's seventh general conference, which opened in Paris last week. Though not a full member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Holy See has from the beginning shown a lively interest in its work, and only a few months ago appointed the Apostolic Nuncio in Paris, Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, as its permanent observer for Unesco affairs. Despite recent criticisms of Unesco both in Europe and in this country, or perhaps because of such criticisms, it appears that the Vatican wishes to play an even more active role in the work of the organization. The Apostolic Nuncio is assisted by Msgr. Angelo Pedroni of the Vatican Secretariat of State. Other members of the delegation are Msgr. Xavier von Hornstein, professor at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Rev. Maurice Queguiner, director of the Catholic Bureau for Fundamental Education, and Jean Larnaud, secretary general of the International Coordinating Center for Unesco. The contributions that Catholics can make to the objectives of the organization were emphasized by Archbishop Roncalli in a sermon preached in Paris at the parish church of St. Peter of Chaillot, in the presence of Director General Jaime Torres Bodet and representatives of most of Unesco's members. The American delegation to the conference includes Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, secretary general of the National Catholic Educational Association, who serves as consultant. Since Protestant and Jewish representatives are also taking part, the voice of religion has not been silent in Unesco's councils.

### **Successor to Murray**

The yawning void left in the labor movement by the sudden death of Philip Murray was partially filled on November 15 by the designation of David J. McDonald as acting president of the United Steelworkers. Secretary-Treasurer of the union since its foundation, Mr. McDonald was a logical choice for the vacancy. The Steelworkers' executive board named

I. W. Abel, director of District 27, to be secretary-treasurer. At the regular election for union officers next Feb. 10, Mr. McDonald will probably be chosen for a full term as president. Mr. Abel's future is less clear. The CIO will attempt to fill the remaining, and larger, part of the void created by Mr. Murray's death when it holds its postponed national convention on December 1 at Atlantic City. Preliminary talks among CIO leaders indicate that the leading candidates for president, Allan S. Haywood, CIO executive vice president, and Walter Reuther, head of the United Auto Workers, may have trouble winning a majority of the votes. Of the 55 international unions affiliated with the CIO, two unions, the Steelworkers and the Auto Workers, have a lopsided preponderance of strength. Between them they have more dues-paying members than all the other affiliates together. Although neither organization is by itself strong enough to dictate the choice of a president, each has sufficient power to block any candidate not acceptable to it. Rather than engage in a showdown struggle that would weaken the organization, the delegates may designate an interim president—probably Mr. Haywood—who would serve until the next convention. In that way, time might solve a problem which now seems insoluble.

### **Hollywood turning a modest new leaf?**

The annual analysis of the work of the Legion of Decency shows that Hollywood-produced films were not quite so morally offensive in 1951 as they had been in 1950. In that year, 20 per cent of the films were rated objectionable, whether in whole (C films) or in part (B films). During the past year, only 17 per cent were objectionable, all but one under the B rating. The one film labeled C (wholly objectionable) was an "independent" picture, not made by the organized industry. Better than 44 per cent (164 films) got an A1 rating and more than 38 per cent (141 films) were classified A2. This means that more than four-fifths of all films made by the organized film industry got a clean moral bill of health. This is a heartening trend. Incidentally, Hollywood did better at the nation's box-offices in 1951, the very period when the films were getting slightly more respectable. Is Hollywood perhaps learning that films don't have to be suggestive to succeed?

### **New York crime hearings**

In March, 1951, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey set up a N. Y. State commission to study whatever links might exist between politics and organized crime in New York City and County. Joseph C. Proskauer, former Justice of the New York Supreme Court, heads the distinguished five-man body. Long months spent in the careful gathering of data paid off in public hearings Nov. 13-20 when the commission's dozens of witnesses testified under oath to the details of a shameful situation. Gambler Frank Costello, it transpired, was known around Tammany Hall as "The

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Boss." Several district leaders, past or incumbent, admitted under questioning that they had been on friendly terms with Costello, Frank Erickson, Joe Adonis, Thomas Luchese and other present or quondam captains of the underworld. Two leaders refused to testify about their personal finances on the ground of self-incrimination. Other testimony showed a rigid control of the judiciary by party leaders. Nomination for judgeships in the Municipal Court comes only through the party chiefs, according to testimony. The nomination has its price: \$15,800 was demanded of one prospective candidate in 1947 and \$18,000 of another in 1945. Control over the distribution of patronage, the "kick-back" system, the awarding of city and county jobs requiring special skills to unqualified party trustees, paying public monies to political appointees for doing nothing, and the ways party cliques monopolized power were all put in evidence. Republicans as well as Democrats (who control N. Y. County) came under fire. Tammany chief Carmine de Sapio angrily challenged what he insisted was the commission's caricature of the Tiger. The aim of the probe was not to prosecute corrupt officials but to guide Albany, if remedial legislation should be found necessary. If laws are a remedy, then they certainly are necessary.

#### **Pius XI and Charles Maurras**

News of the death on November 16 of Charles Maurras, French Royalist and shrewd, intransigent author and journalist, recalled the bitter cleavage in French life caused by his leadership. In its acute form, the cleavage lasted thirteen years, until Maurras and his colleagues on the violently nationalistic party publication *L'Action Française* made their submission to the Holy See and on July 5, 1939, were freed from their interdict (AM. 8/12/39, p. 411). It was not until Pope Pius XI wrote on September 5, 1936, to Cardinal Andrieu, Archbishop of Bordeaux, praising the Cardinal for warning Catholic students against Maurras' doctrines that the subtlety and danger of his teachings began to be exposed. Most Catholics found it hard to believe that a convinced Royalist, who paid splendid tributes to the glory of the Catholic Church, could also profess himself an unbeliever who condemned Christianity as a Jewish plot against the human race. The strongest weapon in Maurras' flashing armory of ideas was his famous slogan, "Politics first," i.e., restore the monarchy before discussing any religious questions. So in his condemnation of Maurras, on December 29, 1936, Pius XI put his finger on the weak spot in Maurras' ideology. The Pope forbade Catholics "to adhere to the program and to the school of those who place the interests of party before those of religion, making use of the latter to promote the former." Maurras' bizarre combination of notions, hates and enthusiasms was peculiar to his time and country. But the *Action Française* controversies, like most great disputes, were not without fruit. They helped to clarify for all future time some of the delicate issues in the relationship of politics and religion.

## UNDERSCORINGS

*Christian Christmas observance.* Christmas parades with religious themes will be held in Reading, Pa., Henderson, N. C., Dunn, N. C., Rock Island, Ill. . . A crib will be erected in the courthouse patio in Tucson, Ariz., where various groups will hold evening choral services . . . Elkhart, Ind., churches in conjunction with the city authorities and schools will sponsor a production of Handel's *Messiah* . . . Civic and religious leaders in Huntington, W. Va., Worcester, Mass., and West Palm Beach, Fla., are urging stores and families to check the secularizing of Christmas. ► As a tribute to the late Sen. Brien McMahon, author of the Atomic Energy Control Act of 1946 and first chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, a symposium on "The Future of Atomic Energy" will be held Dec. 2 at Fordham University under the auspices of the New York Committee on Atomic Energy, Inc. The date is the tenth anniversary of the first self-perpetuating atomic chain reaction in the laboratory at Stagg Field, Chicago.

► A Nov. 14 Dispatch from Nairobi, Kenya, to the *Times* of London states that 34 schools belonging to the Kikuyu Independent Schools Association had been closed by the civil authorities on account of their connection with the Mau Mau terrorists, and 150 schools had been warned against maintaining such a connection. In his AMERICA article last week, Douglas Hyde showed the connection of these schools with the Mau Mau and their possible link with communism. ► An unusual collection of liturgical illuminated manuscripts was opened to the public Nov. 17 at the Jacques Seligmann Gallery, 5 East 57th St., New York, and will be on exhibit until mid-December. The volumes date from the 11th through the 16th century, and range in size from a 2-by-2½-inch 13th-century missal to a 3-by-2-foot Antiphonary. Many are bound in gold, silver and velvet and are studded with jewels, cameos and semi-precious stones. They illustrate the unity and continuity of the liturgy and the liturgical year through the centuries.

► Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson, N. J., was appointed, Nov. 19, Archbishop of Newark, N. J., in succession to the late Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh, who died June 6.

► At Youngstown, Ohio, on Nov. 16 died Most Rev. James A. McFadden, 71, first Bishop of Youngstown. He had been Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland from 1932 to 1943. In the latter year he was transferred to Youngstown. He is succeeded by Most Rev. Emmet Michael Walsh, since 1949 Coadjutor with right of concession . . . At Halifax, N. S., on Nov. 18 died Most Rev. John T. McNally, 81, Archbishop of that diocese since 1937. He had been Bishop of Calgary, Alb., 1913-24, and of Hamilton, Ont., 1924-37. R. I. P. C. K.

## The ultimate issue

In their annual statement for this year, published November 15, the Bishops of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference presented a comprehensive exposition of the centrality of religion to sound civil and social organization. The Bishops began by pointing out the undeniable paradox of a people enjoying "a standard of living and a degree of comfort never before attained by so many people in any nation," yet plagued by "restless foreboding and deep insecurity." This is the bitter truth about the America of 1952. We "never had it so good," as the slogan goes; yet we are, on the whole, a dissatisfied people.

What's the matter with us?

Superficial explanations are a dime a dozen: Korea, the dread of a devastating world conflagration as the only way to defeat world communism, corruption and subversion in public life, the high cost of living, oppressive taxes. No sensible person would belittle the sharp edges of these fears and frustrations as reasons for our mood of unrest. Despite them, Americans are surrounded with more creature comforts, more means of diversion and entertainment, than even they have ever known. Nevertheless, they are caught in the vise of manifold dissatisfactions.

Why?

The ultimate reason is that as a people we have largely lost our anchorage in God. If all believers, Catholics included, fully lived out their religious beliefs, would we allow the fear of war to depress us? Would we be so attached to earthly security as to think of this world as anything but a way-station towards an eternity with God? Even believers are frustrated because they have fallen into pagan attitudes. They are looking for satisfactions here below which this planet cannot provide. When we try to anticipate heaven on earth we are ensuring for ourselves endlessly recurring disappointments.

With unbelievers it is even worse. Almost inevitably they disfigure every human enterprise, every human institution, by subverting it to purposes alien to those it has in God's plan for human life. This is true of the family, of education, of business, of public life. Torn out of the context of God's design for human living, every phase of man's conduct leads to blind alleys.

God made man for a divine purpose. Once he turns his back on that purpose, man is a rudderless creature of impulse and passion, trapped by his own cunning and scheming. He is unhappy because he is seeking what is unnatural to him: the "pleasure" of trying to fill the great void in his soul by so puny a substitute for the infinite goodness of God as a being doomed to return to the dust from whence he has sprung, man's own mortal self. How can anyone be happy whose sole reliance is on a god with a heart each tick of which might be its last?

The broad sweep of the Bishops' statement, which makes it impossible to summarize, makes it a docu-

## EDITORIALS

ment of lasting importance in American life. To conquer our fears and frustrations, we are told, we must know whence they spring. They spring from irreligion.

This is the deepest source of the evil in our midst: deeper than communism, materialism, hedonism, secularism. Irreligion is the spawning ground of all these social epidemics.

The ultimate issue we must face is therefore that of religion versus irreligion, in every area of American life. This is the yardstick by which to judge who is the friend and who the foe of the America we love. "Divisiveness" on this ultimate issue can disappear only when secularism wanes. For religion to retreat would be apostasy from Almighty God.

### "Intervention" by the UN

Besides coming perilously close to sundering the UN along the color line, the discussion of item 66 on its agenda, "the question of race conflict resulting from the policies of *apartheid* (race separateness) of the Government of the Union of South Africa," has raised fundamental questions about the scope of the UN's jurisdiction.

The so-called colonial Powers attempted to prove that the UN has no competence in this question by stringently interpreting the first part of paragraph 7 of Article 2:

Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State or shall require the members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter . . .

They presented impressive legal arguments to prove that, however much other people may abhor the racial legislation of South Africa, it is essentially a domestic problem. The UN has no authority to intervene.

Incredible though it may seem, the UN is still arguing, after seven years of existence, over the definition of "intervention" and "domestic jurisdiction."

The fiery G. P. Jooste of South Africa, denying the UN's right to intervene, emphasized that Article 2(7) was taken out of Chapter VIII at San Francisco and put in Chapter II so it would govern everything else in the Charter. The word "nothing," therefore, overrides all its subsequent provisions. Even though a member, within its own borders, violated such principles as those in Articles 55 and 56, pledging

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"recognition and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms," the UN could not even discuss those violations, because "that is intervention."

From the purely legal standpoint, Mr. Jooste and his supporters from Great Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand had the better of the argument. The opposing Arabs, Asians and some South Americans tried to prove that the vicious policies in question had ceased to be domestic matters and now actually threatened the world's peace. It struck us as strange that none of them challenged Article 2(7) itself. None asked whether the principle of absolute nonintervention should "govern the whole of the Charter's application," as Sir Gladwyn Jebb claimed it should.

As a matter of international ethics, just how valid is that principle? Proposed as an absolute and unrestricted rule of conduct, the principle of nonintervention was formally condemned by Pius IX in the Syllabus of Errors (prop. 62). The *Code of International Ethics*, published by Catholic experts in 1937, gives four cases in which intervention would be justified "in the absence of an international organization which is juridically organized and capable of keeping order among states." The third and fourth cases are: 3) When its purpose is to secure respect for certain rules of the Law of Nations, the observance of which is of vital interest to all members of international society; 4) When it is resorted to for the defense of the higher rights and interests of humanity against barbarity.

Some of the delegates seemed to be thinking along those lines. Ahmed A. Jabbar of Saudi Arabia, for example, said his delegation felt that Article 2(7) had "no legal limitation when the fate of a whole nation is at stake." If this were true, he continued, "the least to say is that we must sacrifice morality for the sake of so-called legal or juridical aspects." He added that any law without moral force ceased to be a law.

It is worth asking whether there is indeed any moral force behind Article 2(7), expressing as it does the principle of absolute nonintervention. In the discussion of possible charter amendments to be proposed in 1955, that article should not be overlooked.

## New challenge to business

Ralph Hendershot, financial editor of the New York *World-Telegram and Sun*, recently unburdened himself of a homily plainly intended for businessmen, but which no doubt interested a good many other people besides. In a column on November 13, Mr. Hendershot observed:

Leaders in industry have been presented with a great opportunity, as well as a great responsibility, with the election of General Eisenhower to the Presidency. The opportunity is to regain the public's confidence, and the responsibility is to prove to the world that social as well as financial progress is possible under our private-enterprise system, possible without periodic legislative purges.

Numerous citizens of this great and good land of ours will heartily agree with those sentiments. They will also agree with another of Mr. Hendershot's pertinent observations, to wit, that just about everyone in the country concedes that business can do a rattling good production job, but that a grave doubt exists whether it is equally adept at seeing that the goods it produces are equitably distributed. To put the same thought in another way: businessmen know very well how to ride a boom for all it's worth, but they have not yet convinced a majority in this country that they know how to avoid a bust, or even how to cushion the milder downturns that are inevitable in a free economy.

Mr. Hendershot's words will not, we imagine, fall on stony ground. In their rejoicing over the election results and the promise of a friendlier atmosphere in Washington, many businessmen are not unmindful of the challenge implicit in the change in Administrations. For nearly two decades they have been persistently critical of the Federal Government. Quick to blame Washington for whatever went wrong with the economy, including inflation and messy industrial relations, they have assured the people, in a flood of banquet oratory, that if only they were given a free hand, there would be 1) an end to something called "creeping socialism," and 2) prosperity for all. Most of them have enough horse sense to realize that they must now fulfil the hopes they have raised or risk another protracted sojourn in the doghouse.

Chances are good, therefore—certainly much better than they would have been twenty years ago—that the business community will make an honest effort to deliver on its promises. While it is difficult to establish the fact scientifically, we have the impression that business thinking is generally much more enlightened today than it was in the heyday of the Liberty League. Although too many social and economic dinosaurs are still roaming the industrial scene, they are a dwindling minority, and it is highly improbable that their thinking will have much influence on the new Administration.

On the contrary, everything suggests that the advisers General Eisenhower will lean on most heavily for economic counsel will be men like Walter Williams, the Seattle industrialist, who last week spent a day with the President-elect at Augusta National Golf Club. Mr. Williams is a former president of the Committee for Economic Development, an organization which has on many past occasions taken an enlightened, constructive stand on current economic problems. The fact that General Eisenhower once served on the CED board of directors may turn out to be significant. It would seem to indicate a sympathy for the more liberal outlook on life which distinguishes CED from some of the older business organizations.

The immediate task before business is clear. It must start planning now to take up the slack that is sure to come when Government spending tapers off next year. Many observers feel that unless precautions are taken now, a recession is due within the next two years.

# Catholics and revision of the UN Charter

Edward A. Conway

THE CHARTER of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945. Five months later, the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference passed formal judgment on it in the name of the Hierarchy of the United States. In its Annual Statement, "Between War and Peace," issued on November 18, 1945, the Administrative Board included the following critical paragraph:

Our peace program envisions a world organization of nations. The charter which emerged from the San Francisco Conference, while undoubtedly an improvement on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, *does not provide for a sound, institutional organization of the international society.* The Security Council provisions make it no more than a virtual alliance of the great Powers for the maintenance of peace. These nations are given a status above the law. Nevertheless, our country acted wisely in deciding to participate in this world organization. It is better than world chaos. *From the provision in the charter for calling a constituent assembly in the future, there comes the hope that in time the defects may be eliminated and we may have a sound institutional organization of the international community which will develop, not through mere voluntary concessions of the nations, but from the recognition of the rights and duties of international society* (emphasis supplied).

The "constituent assembly" to which the Bishops referred is authorized in Article 109 of the Charter. A review conference can be called at any time by two-thirds of the members of the General Assembly and any seven of the 11 members of the Security Council. Furthermore, Section 3 of Article 109 provides that if such a conference has not been held before the tenth annual Assembly (which would be that of 1955),

the proposal to call such a conference shall be placed on the agenda of the session of the General Assembly, and the conference shall be held if so decided by a majority vote of the members of the General Assembly and by a vote of any seven members of the Security Council.

Three points are worth noting in the above provision: 1) charter amendment will automatically go on the agenda of the 1955 Assembly; 2) a mere majority vote suffices to convoke a review conference (presumably in 1956); 3) the Soviet Union cannot veto the calling of the conference.

Even at this early date the demand for a conference to amend the Charter is so insistent that I have little doubt that it will be approved in 1955. The only question that remains is what amendments should be recommended. A number of organizations and indi-

At the UN Charter Conference in San Francisco in 1945, Fr. Conway, S.J., presented a list of suggestions based on criticism of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals by religious groups and signed by himself, a minister and a rabbi. He was told that the list was often consulted by the drafting committee. Fr. Conway, now an associate editor of AMERICA, contends that more changes should be made in the Charter.

viduals in this and other countries are already studying that question.

The most ambitious project is the one described in *World Politics* for October, 1952, by Lawrence S. Finkelstein, a member of the staff of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Looking toward the possibility of charter review in or after 1955, the Endowment has instituted in selected countries a program of studies of different national policies and attitudes toward international organization in general and the United Nations in particular. It is expected that these studies will suggest "possible lines of change in the Charter and structure of the UN and in the techniques of participation by members." According to Mr. Finkelstein, negotiations either have already been concluded or have reached an advanced stage in Canada, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Yugoslavia, Egypt and India. The Carnegie group hopes to expand its coverage in Europe, the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and to include countries in the Pacific area and in Latin America.

Top priority was given to charter revision by the planning conference of the World Movement for World Federal Government held at Ulpenas, Holland, August 1-10, in preparation for the meeting of the organization in Copenhagen next year. The conference set up pilot studies on possible charter changes and asked United World Federalists, Inc. to be responsible for collecting and collating ideas from the United States, Canada and the Pacific. En Verden, Norwegian counterpart of UWF, was assigned the same task for Europe. At the second Parliamentary Conference on World Government, held in London, September 21-26, members of parliaments from eighteen countries planned exhaustive studies, to be reported at next year's meeting in Copenhagen. The seriousness with which some nations view the question may be surmised from the fact that the Philippines delegation flew halfway around the world to attend and that the President of Italy sent a dozen delegates in his personal plane.

In this country, the Brookings Institution in Washington has already begun extensive studies in charter revision, while the Ford Foundation has allocated large amounts for the same purpose. One of these grants has gone to Grenville Clark, whose *A Plan for Peace* (Harpers, 1950) has spearheaded the drive for charter revision in the United States. As might have been expected, United World Federalists, Inc. has already set up a UN Charter Revision Committee. The group held its first meeting in Dublin, N. H., last

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June, where it considered a draft on "The Necessity and Opportunity for Charter Revision" prepared by Thomas H. Mahony, former president of the Catholic Association for International Peace and for years chairman of the policy committee of UWF. The committee has since issued a preliminary statement on "The Fundamental Principles of Charter Revision" and three valuable bibliographies.

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs began its study of charter revision two years ago. At its biennial convention in Boston, June 29-July 4 of this year, it directed its special committee to continue its work and report its findings at the next convention, in St. Louis in 1954. The Carnegie Endowment project has as its target date the spring of 1954.

Out of all these studies by individuals and nongovernmental organizations should emerge a new and hopeful approach to world peace. The most important consideration, it seems to me, is that everyone concerned about ensuring peace should take part in the world-wide debate that is shaping up. As Grenville Clark expressed it in a letter to the Ulpenas planning conference of WMWFG:

We should stimulate a great debate throughout the world as to the necessary amendments, to the end that an informed public opinion may be developed in all the nations as to the specific amendments which should be made. In my book *A Plan for Peace* I have ventured to propose a concrete set of amendments which, if adopted, would in my opinion actually achieve the goal of a disarmed world governed by world law within the limited field of the prevention of war. I hope to develop those ideas in further writings. Let others bring forward their concrete plans. Let them all be widely discussed so that out of the crucible of debate the most effective and practical plans can be developed.

Catholics should enter this widening debate. It should be easy for us to bring forward "concrete plans." There are many official and semi-official criticisms of the present charter from which an organized case for amendment could be developed. Indeed, it seems to me that the Hierarchy's statement already quoted is an official invitation to Catholics to help "eliminate the defects" of the Charter.

The first question we should ask of our sources is whether those defects are incidental or substantive. Does the Charter need major retooling or only a bit of tinkering here and there? Perhaps we should be satisfied with a few minor amendments and try, as some advise, to "exploit the Charter's untapped potentialities." While this school of thought deserves consideration, I cannot see how our sources can permit Catholics to be satisfied with it. The 1945 Annual Statement condemns the Charter as structurally unsound. Its major defect is that it is based on the mere "voluntary concessions of the nations," as was the lamented League of Nations. The Bishops

detected this fundamental shortcoming as soon as the outlines of the peace organization were revealed in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

While the proposals were being debated in 1944, the Administrative Board-NCWC, in its Annual Statement, explicitly rejected their basic philosophy:

An international institution, based on the recognition of an objective moral obligation and not on the binding force of covenant alone, is needed for the preservation of a just peace and the promotion of international cooperation for the common good of the international community.

The Bishops were even more explicit on the eve of the Charter Conference at San Francisco. In a special statement on "World Peace" issued April 15, 1945, the Administrative Board declared that the "agreements on certain fundamental provisions of the Charter give rise to doubt and fear." After criticizing the veto provisions agreed on at Yalta, the Bishops went on to say that, in the proposals, the functions of the General Assembly were too restricted and those of the Security Council too broad. Then they expressed the hope that "the Security Council will be made more responsible to the General Assembly and, at least in time, will become merely its executive committee (emphasis supplied). Finally they stated bluntly that

the proposals as they stand outline not the plan for an organization, under law, of the international community, but rather the draft of an alliance between the Great Victorious Powers for the maintenance of world peace and the promotion of international cooperation, in which these Powers definitely refuse to submit themselves in every eventuality to the world authority which they propose to invoke in compelling other nations to maintain world peace.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, must have suffered the same disillusionment expressed by our Bishops in late 1945. In his Christmas message of 1944 he had hopefully hailed the Dumbarton Oaks proposals:

From the decisions already published by international commissions one may draw the conclusion that an essential point in any future international arrangement will be the formation of an organization for the maintenance of peace. *This organization will be invested by common consent with supreme authority and with power to smother in its germinal stages any threat of isolated or collective aggression.* No one can hail this development with greater joy than he who has long upheld the principle that the idea of war as an apt and appropriate means of solving international conflicts is now out of date (emphasis supplied).

The Charter adopted in 1945 did not, however, invest the UN with supreme authority and with power to smother aggression. Nor did it accept the Pope's principle of "mutually agreed, organic and progressive disarmament." Obviously, it gives the UN no power to "ensure the effective and loyal implementing of



such an agreement"—an agreement which, His Holiness said in his 1939 Christmas Message, should be given "fundamental importance." A disarmament agreement cannot be effectively implemented except by a central supreme authority with power greater than the power of any or all of its members.

At no time has the Holy Father explicitly asked for charter revision. But his historic address to members of the World Movement for World Federal Government seems to indicate that he favors it. Despite the attempts of Catholic anti-internationalists to minimize the meaning of his studied statement, I remain convinced that His Holiness hopes for a world organization more effective than the United Nations. The Holy Father was well aware that the world federalists whom he addressed on April 6, 1951 advocated the transformation of the United Nations by charter revision into a "supreme authority and with power to smother" aggression. If he were satisfied with the Charter as it stands he would hardly have addressed these words to them:

Your movement dedicates itself to realizing an effective political organization of the world. Nothing is more in conformity with the traditional doctrine of the Church . . . It is necessary therefore to arrive at an organization of this kind, if for no other reason than to put a stop to the armament race . . .

Nor would His Holiness have added:

You are of the opinion that this world political organization, in order to be effective, must be federal in form. If by this you understand that it should not be enmeshed in a mechanical unitarism, again you are in harmony with the principles of social and political life so firmly founded and sustained by the Church.

In their 1945 study, "The United Nations Charter," Thomas H. Mahony and the Post-War World Committee of the Catholic Association for International Peace suggested five charter amendments: 1) the recognition of the principle that no state is absolutely or unqualifiedly sovereign, that the moral law applies to the relations of states as it does to the relations of men; 2) the delegation to the General Assembly of power to legislate international law, at least in some areas of international relations; 3) the establishment of compulsory jurisdiction in the International Court of Justice and the implementation of its decisions by some agency automatically brought into operation; 4) the limitation of the veto power exercised by the Great Powers; 5) clarification of the relation of regional organization to the world organization.

Before joining in the general discussion of charter revision, perhaps it would be wise for us Catholics to clarify and bring up to date our own thinking on the question. Have we kept pace with the Pope during the past seven years? Are the five very general recommendations listed above all we have to offer after the experiences of those years? What about disarmament and a UN Peace Force? What about universality

of membership and power to revise treaties? What of the right of intervention in behalf of human rights, which was debated so bitterly in the current Assembly? There is a wealth of material on all these matters in the sources I have mentioned. Once we have organized it, we can make a valuable and, I am sure, welcome contribution to the world debate on charter revision.

## The economic future of New England

Robert F. Drinan

ON NOVEMBER 20 AND 21 there met in Boston the 28th annual conference of the New England Council. Gathered for the occasion were representatives of 3,000 leading New England organizations, the Council of New England Governors and all top officials of government and industry in our six most northeastern states. All agreed, as never before, that continued and intensive action is needed to stop the decline in New England's economic position.

### A REGION TAKES STOCK

This decision on the part of New England's leading figures is the result of several recent surveys of the economic prospects of the section. All these surveys agree in finding that New England, even to maintain its present unsatisfactory economic position, must intensify its fight for new markets and more industries.

The reason for these surveys is found in the severity with which the national recession of 1948-49 hit the New England economy. Among other disasters was the great increase in unemployment. At one time, for instance, one-eighth of the whole labor force of Massachusetts and Connecticut was out of work. And when men have no paychecks, the whole economy suffers.

The distress in the region's economy prompted the President's Council of Economic Advisers to appoint a Committee on New England to survey the problems and prospects of the area. That Committee filed its detailed report with President Truman in July, 1951. Professor Seymour Harris, one of the experts on the Committee, recently reproduced much of the material of the report in his book, *The Economics of New England* (Harvard University Press, 1952).

Other surveys followed. The National Planning Association, a private, nonpartisan research group, has undertaken an analysis of New England at the request of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report. The NPA's findings are due in the

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near future. President Truman also appointed another commission, the New York, New England Inter-Agency Committee, to make recommendations to increase the available water power in the northeastern part of the nation. We already have Blanchard's report on industry in Massachusetts and an excellent study by Arthur D. Little, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

What do the experts say about America's most surveyed area? Let us review some of their findings on New England: its population, its economic geography, its industrial handicaps and assets, its recent economic progress and its problems and prospects for the future.

With only 2 per cent of the nation's land area, New England has 6.4 per cent of the U. S. population, a total of 9.3 million persons. Of these, over 40 per cent are Catholic, which means that about 4 million Catholics—or about one-seventh of the Church in America—make their home in New England.

In economic terms, the initial difficulty in talking about New England as a unit is the great difference between its southern and northern parts. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, with 80 per cent of the population and 85 per cent of the income, have problems only partially shared by their three northern sister States. For a number of reasons, however, planning must envisage the entire region. The vast growth of new industry in Maine and New Hampshire is of regionwide effect. All of New England, moreover, hopes to share in trade with Canada. And the necessity for better commercial transportation concerns all of its people. For regional planning to become effective, however, much will depend on State and local initiative.

#### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

New England is the most highly industrialized area in the nation. Factory work engages about 40 per cent of the labor force, approximately 12 per cent more than the national average. Such industrial activity is remarkable in a geographic area barren of natural resources and distant from raw materials and markets. The geographic disadvantages are evident and, in an increasing number of industries, are beginning to outweigh indisputable advantages in other lines.

There is the heart of the problem: how can New England increase its advantages and offset its disadvantages in such a way that old manufacturing firms will find it profitable to stay, or new ones to come?

A calm consideration of its assets and liabilities begets neither optimism or pessimism about the prospects of the region. There seems little doubt that with proper long-range planning and constant cooperation on all levels of government and industry, New England can at least hold its present economic position. Everything depends on the speed and intelligence of that planning.

New England's disadvantages—which have received far more publicity than its assets—first became widely

known a generation ago when the textile industry began its great migration to the South and West. In 1900 New England had 80 per cent of the nation's textile business; today it is struggling to retain 17 per cent of it. Industries concerned with shoes, leather and wool have been much more stable, but these too have greatly declined.

Why have these industries found New England an unfavorable location? In addition to the unfortunate geography, these manufacturers, and others, have found in New England a lack of inexpensive power, a difficult tax structure and a want of aggressive industrial leadership.

The average power rates in the section are 59 per cent higher than the national average, and 70 per cent above those of New York. Not one Federal power project has been built in New England, although 156 have been built in the nation during the last generation. Indeed, New England fights shy of most Federal aid. The Bureau of Reclamation, for example, will spend almost \$6 billion in the years 1950-56, but not one dollar of this will come to New England. This excessive price of power is naturally no attraction to any industry.

Then there is the tax structure of New England, which, especially as regards Massachusetts, has been the subject of some heated controversy in the recent past. This question is complicated, since one must consider the different taxes—payroll, income, excise, property—in the different States to form a just opinion. Suffice it to say that New England generally leans too heavily, as older areas usually do, on one of the most inequitable kinds of tax, that on general property. Whatever the truth or falsity in the charges about New England's antiquated tax set-up, it is true that both its own and outside businessmen probably think it worse than it is.

With regard to industrial leadership, recent surveys have generally agreed that New Englanders are now paying for the long-time undemocratic policy of handing on managerial power by heredity and excluding the new ethnic groups. As a result of this policy, conservatism in management prevailed at a time when its exact opposite was necessary even to preserve the *status quo*. Again, not a little of New England's venture capital, the fruit of New England industry, has been reinvested outside the section. The results of these policies can be seen in acres of obsolete factories, outdated and costly methods of production and diminishing markets.

#### RESULTS OF ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS

The distress suffered by New Englanders because of the economic malaise of their region may well be imagined. Not only those directly affected by declining industries are hit. The decline naturally touches all sectors of the population. Unemployment, a falling wage rate, out-migration are the evil results.

Unemployment in Massachusetts in the past few months has hovered around the 100,000 mark. In

Rhode Island the figure is proportionately worse. Much of this unemployment is localized in areas suffering from the loss of 32 woolen mills and 50,000 textile jobs since 1948. In Lawrence, Mass., alone, for example, current unemployment approaches 12,000, the highest proportion for any job center in the nation.

With regard to income, New England's per-capita average is still somewhat above the national, but the differential is continually diminishing. What was once a high-wage area has become an average- and, in some parts, a low-wage region. White-collar workers especially earn less in New England than their fellows in other industrialized areas. Manufacturing wage rates, while still not greatly different from wages in comparable areas, show a definite tendency to decline.

Loss of population has naturally followed the economic drop. In the last twenty years, Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island have increased their population at only half of the national rate. In Massachusetts, out-migration and other factors have left the Bay State with the highest disproportion of women to men (100 to 95) of any State in the Union. The District of Columbia alone is higher. Paradoxically, however, the workers in areas blighted by unemployment have proved to be very immobile.

#### ASSETS OF A MATURE ECONOMY

There is, however, a promising side to the picture. Reflection on New England's disadvantages should not obscure the fact that the area has unique assets for both good living and profitable industry. Among these are a well educated citizenry, a highly skilled labor force with an excellent record of labor-management harmony, solidly established public services and advanced social legislation—in short, most of the assets of a mature, industrialized economy. Last, but far from least, is the ever more intense desire, on the part of New England's leaders, to exploit these assets for the welfare of the area.

The above undeniable advantages have recently been appreciated to the point that a surprisingly large number of corporations have moved to New England or have expanded their plants in this region. Metal-working industries head the list, and are rapidly becoming New England's foremost business. The manufacture of electrical equipment, machinery, electronic parts and aircraft products are but a few of the specialties which make for unprecedented expansion.

Other promising signs can be cited. The response to vacation attractions has doubled during the past fifteen years, though New England still receives less than its national share of this type of business. Also, New England now has 15 per cent of the nation's industrial-research laboratories. And State and business leaders are taking steps to supply capital for the industries which will be based on this research. New England's agriculture, while small (2 per cent of the area's income), is increasing somewhat, and may increase more if it receives its proportionate share of Federal funds.

#### INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM

Many of the new and vital features of the section's economy have been inspired by the work of that same New England Council which recently met in Boston. The group is convinced that a positive and perduring campaign is needed to integrate New England with the rest of the nation's dynamic economy. All of its members are dedicated to the development of the region in which they work and live.

NEC's most ambitious plan to date is to attract a steel-fabricating plant to New London, Conn. Such a mill would provide New England's expanding metal-working industries with their basic material at greatly reduced cost. No steel company has yet become actively interested but, with the inducement of Federal funds on a self-liquidating or a tax-write-off basis, New England may yet have a steel mill of its own.

One recent development, an outcome of the defense program, is noteworthy in that it gives a lift to the diminishing textile business. Some months ago the Office of Defense Mobilization authorized the letting of a contract to the New England textile industry on a negotiated basis rather than by competitive bid. This arrangement will aid certain "distress areas" in New England. However, criticism of this procedure, raised by Southern interests, indicates that New England will be well advised to advance a program for itself which will also be to the advantage of the nation as a whole. This should, of course, be the keystone of all regional planning.

#### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Some of the economic forces which have placed New England at a competitive disadvantage are, it must be admitted, beyond human control. For obvious reasons, the thrust of American enterprise is to the South and West. But there are many ways in which New England can plan its economy so that the pressures of competition can be somewhat equalized. For one thing, central New England is within 500 miles of vast urban markets. In this respect it has all the industrial advantages of the Midwest or Southwest, perhaps more. With proper adjustments in power rates, taxes, transportation and labor costs, there is no reason why New England should not be attractive to a growing number of industries. Thirty-seven specific recommendations along this line have been made by the President's Committee on New England. All of them are worthy of thorough examination and consideration.

Painstaking surveys on the New England economy have now made the facts available. New Englanders must face these facts and hammer out policies which will help themselves while serving the nation. Religious and educational leaders should add their voices and efforts to those at present working to secure a greater and more abiding stability for New England. A bold new program with persistent implementation is needed. To create it is worthy of the noblest efforts of all the people of this region.

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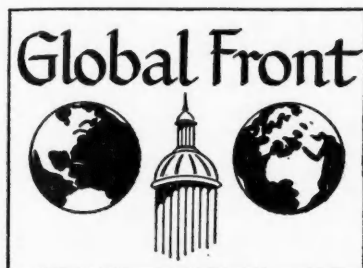
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# AMERICA balances the books



Many Europeans, we hear, distrust America's leadership and fear that the United States will abuse its power. *The American Approach to Foreign Policy* (Harvard. \$3.25), by Dexter Perkins, attempts to allay the fears by explaining past and current attitudes and objectives of American policies. The lectures were originally given to a Swedish audience. His analysis will help Americans, too, to understand our objectives.

What the United States has attempted and accomplished during 1951 has been chronicled by R. P. Stebbins in *The United States in World Affairs* (Harpers. \$5). Failures, stalemates, successes and progress are recorded. Libraries should have the volume to keep their readers posted on the direction of events. The progress of NATO and the defense of the West are among the successes. Drew Middleton, New York Times European correspondent, has addressed himself to that problem in *The Defense of Western Europe* (Appleton. \$3.50). He gives a rather pessimistic report on the dangerous situation in Europe, the attitudes of our allies, and what must be done to clear the danger. He underscores the great achievement of Eisenhower in forging NATO into a collective military force.

## DEMOCRACY AND BOLSHEVISM

The defense both of Western Europe and of Christian culture is gravely trammled by particular mentalities or ideologies that are unable to measure the menace of the Soviet type of atheistic materialism. *In Place of Fear* (Simon & Schuster. \$3), by Aneurin Bevan, apprises us of the opinions of the semi-Marxian wing of British socialism. So concerned is Bevan with the economics of life that he views the armament program under U. S. leadership as the real menace to peace. Another danger derives from

those whose god is science and whose scientific mind is devoid of the values and loyalties derived from Christian doctrines and culture. They are captivated by the scientific progress of dialectic materialism and betray atomic secrets. Alan Moorehead probes this mentality as manifested in three scientists (May, Fuchs, Pontecorvo) in *The Traitors* (Scribners. \$3.50).

A real bulwark against the menace is Christian Democracy; it is a potent force in uniting Western Europe and in protecting the freedoms of man. How the party originated in Italy and France, what its objectives are, and what it has accomplished politically are told by two authorities, Einaudi and Goguel, in *Christian Democracy in Italy and France* (Notre Dame. \$4).

An understanding of a menace, both in theory and practice, is a prerequisite for a sound defense. Waldemar Gurian has ably and briefly (189p.) explained how communism originated and developed into its present position of power in *Bolshevism: An Introduction to Soviet Communism* (Notre Dame. \$3.25). Selections from the founders' writings serve to document the text.

Three books expose the evils of communism in practice. S. M. Schwarz gives a cold analysis of the terrible conditions of the "free" worker in Russia today in *Labor in the Soviet Union* (Praeger. \$6). He is not concerned with the inhuman plight in the slave-labor camps but with the Russian worker caught in the chains of compulsory service, laboring in degrading conditions and subject to a cruel system of punishments. *Marx against the Peasant* (North Carolina. \$4.50), by David Mitrany, tells how the agrarian peoples of Russia and the satellites have fared under communism. Doomed in advance by Marxist theory that based its revolution on the proletariat, the peasants have been forced to serve the revolutionary cause.

J. Czapski is one of the few survivors of Polish army officers captured by Stalin and deliberately exterminated to deprive Poland of future leaders. He was in prison for nearly two years and released to fight Hitler. *The Inhuman Land* (Sheed & Ward. \$3.50) is his testimony to the incredible inhumanity of communism in practice. His book also adds convincing evidence on the Katyn murders.

This semi-annual survey is an in-a-nutshell roundup of the important books published during the past six months. Their grouping here under the various headings may serve to focus attention on them. The selection of five outstanding in each division will assure you of fine reading in your favorite topic.

## MIDDLE AND FAR EAST, AFRICA

Challenge follows crisis in the Middle East, and each derives from the impact of the West on peoples of Moslem culture and from the West-Soviet struggle for this strategic region.

Two new authors have studied current problems as conditioned by events since 1919 and by the mores of the people. *The Middle East in World Affairs*, by George Lenczowski (Cornell. \$6), stresses the political and diplomatic events and their consequences. *Challenge and Response in the Middle East*, by H. V. Cooke (Harpers. \$4), emphasizes the economic aspect behind the crises. Cooke makes a point by reminding us that the lot of the people has not improved much since 1919, despite all the attempts at reform. A country-by-country program, based on an understanding of the cultural and social conditions at the local level of each country, is called for.

## FIVE OF THE BEST

**Christian Democracy in Italy and France,**  
by M. Einaudi and F. Goguel  
**The Inhuman Land,**  
by J. Czapski  
**Bolshevism: An Introduction to Soviet Communism,**  
by Waldemar Gurian  
**Challenge and Response in the Middle East,**  
by H. V. Cooke  
**The American Record in the Far East,**  
by K. S. Latourette

Africa has its share of problems and crises. The Sudan is one; England and Egypt are at odds over its future status. M. Abbas, a native Sudanese, makes it clear in *The Sudan Question* (Praeger. \$4.25) that a third party will have a voice in the settlement—the Sudanese themselves. The British and Egyptian interests at stake in the Sudan and the proposals they advance are fairly presented by the author, who prefers a UN trusteeship as the immediate solution. In South Africa the racial issue has become so acute that the UN has been compelled to place the problem on the agenda of its current sessions.

E. P. Dvorin, an American who has seen the problem at first hand, discusses the *apartheid* policy of the Af-

rikanders under Malan's leadership in *Racial Separation in South Africa* (Chicago. \$4.50). The impact of the policy has ceased to be local; it could lead to a Mason-Dixon line dividing Africa.

Two historians have attempted to unravel the factors and forces behind the postwar events in China and the Far East. Their findings should go far toward clearing the atmosphere of the current debate on America's responsibility for the course of events that resulted in the loss of China to Mao. The two volumes are *The United States and the Far East, 1945-1951* (Stanford. \$3), by H. M. Vinacke, and *The American Record in the Far East, 1945-1951* (Macmillan. \$3), by K. S. Latourette. Since both books are brief, most of us should find time to read one of them. Latourette's is preferable; he has a keen understanding of what was and still is at issue, and he underscores the good and the lamentable decisions made by the United States.

Is Mao's Communist rule in China the ordained terminus of forces long at work within China or a conquest imposed from without? Charles P. Fitzgerald, an Australian historian, adheres to the former view in *Revolution in China* (Praeger. \$4.50). Minimizing and/or misunderstanding the role of Stalin, he considers Mao's regime the growth of domestic revolutionary forces.

C. K. Chang very justly controverts these assumptions in *The Dragon Sheds Its Scales* (New Voices. \$3.75). Writing with a sound understanding of his native culture and of imported communism, he points out that China's growth has been distorted by alien forces, Japanese and Communist. China is not yet lost, he holds; one of the keys to the liberation of China is Formosa.

*Report from Formosa* (Dutton. \$3.50), by H. M. Bate, a British journalist, posts us on the progress that has taken place on this island under American aid and the new leaders associated with Chiang. Again the importance of Formosa in our Far Eastern policy is stressed. The report is encouraging.

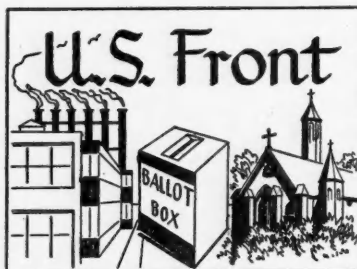
A new approach, *Journey to the Far Pacific* (Doubleday. \$4), by Thomas E. Dewey, is the record of the observations and views of New York's Governor on the many problems in the Far East that must be faced by the United States. He has listened and interviewed and observed well, and his views on what our decisions should be cannot be ignored by our policy makers. Governor Dewey advocates the strengthening of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists, who are still holding out on Formosa.

## POLICIES AND CULTURES

Few are satisfied with America's conduct of foreign affairs. Some blame the men at the top level; others trace the trouble to the mechanics of administration. D. S. Cheever and H. F. Haviland emphasize improved mechanics in *American Foreign Policy and the Separation of Powers* (Harvard. \$3.75). Some of the suggestions offered will be helpful, but the creation of new posts and the opening of new office space are poor substitutes for brains, an understanding of the nature of the conflict and intelligent administration.

F. S. C. Northrop seeks a solution in the living laws of the major cultures of the world, and in *The Taming of the Nations* (Macmillan. \$5) he pleads for a world law based on the cultures and laws of peoples and backed by police action. The contents of the world's cultures are explained (not always clearly and correctly); he insists that our foreign policies must be accommodated to them. We are witnessing the resurgence of cultures that are uniting peoples politically.

WILLIAM L. LUCEY



In the field of the social sciences, and particularly of their application to the U. S. scene, recent publications have not been especially worthy of finding permanent place on anybody's library shelf.

One book, however, dealing with the moral aspects of socio-political life, is noteworthy and of relevance to problems that plague more countries than America. Richard E. Mulcahy's *THE ECONOMICS OF HEINRICH PESCH* (Holt. \$3) deals with the life and teaching of the foremost Catholic economist of this century's first quarter. The book, after sketching and evaluating Pesch's life and achievements, outlines his thinking on the nature of economic science, his theories of consumption, production, value and price, money and distribution, the economic systems of individualism, socialism and his own Christian solidarism. The importance of Pesch derives from his pioneering formulation of a scientific economics solidly based on the principles of scholastic philosophy.

**ECONOMIC FORCES IN AMERICAN HISTORY**, by George Soule (Sloane. \$6), is a recently published economic history of the United States and, though designed for classroom use, is rather dull and indigestible. Upon completion of the book the reader does not know for sure what are the major forces shaping American economic history.

A better book and one worth reading is Fritz Sternberg's *CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM ON TRIAL* (Day. \$7), the result of thirty years of research and observation concerning the rise and decline of capitalism. It is the opinion of the author that capitalism cannot survive the twentieth century, though "no one can know who will be its heir." The main difficulty with the thesis is that the author does not take into account the vast varieties of capitalistic and socialistic economies. The book therefore falls below the standard of *SOCIALISM AND AMERICAN LIFE*, two volumes edited by Donald Egbert and Stow Persons (Princeton. \$17.50). They are indispensable for any serious student of socialism in the United States or elsewhere.

Typical of the new more comprehensive economic philosophies is Clarence B. Randall's *CREED FOR FREE ENTERPRISE* (Little, Brown. \$2.75). Mr. Randall subjects himself to the severe limitations of "enlightened self-interest," but he does make such worth-while observations as: production is not an end in itself; cutthroat competition must be eliminated; employers must accept unions as a part of the economy; and business leaders must be leaders in community life.

## CIVIL RIGHTS, SOCIAL INSPIRATION

The continuing controversy over civil rights, particularly for the American Negro, is rather seriously treated by Monroe Berger in his *EQUALITY BY STATUTE* (Columbia. \$3.25). Berger asks the direct question: can law be effective in directing social conduct in opposition to popular customs, traditions and opinions? And further: can such law, in directing external acts, effect an alleviation of contrary prejudice? Berger would answer yes to both questions. He shows that law gives strength to one set of values as opposed to another, can support the values of the nonprejudiced against the prejudiced and, through external observance at least, can prevent the prejudiced from anti-social acts. He challenges vigorously the view that strongly entrenched group mores can render laws opposed to them ineffective.

A real social document in this field of Negro-white relations in *SOUTH OF FREEDOM* by Carl T. Rowan (Knopf.

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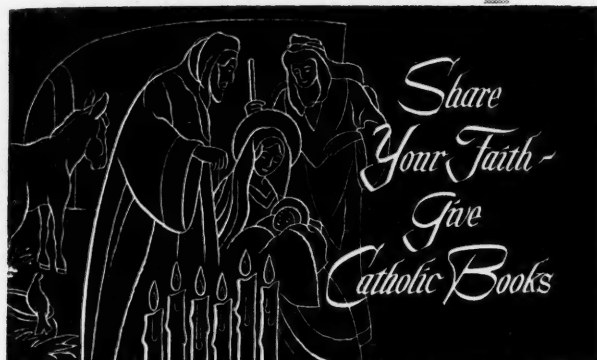


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Very few inspiring books dealing with the social question have appeared.

On subversives, perhaps the most useful volume is a book by Louis Budenz, *THE CRY IS PEACE* (Regnery, \$3.75). This is a serious case-book of Communist infiltration into our Government and places of influence; an incredible but well-documented story. Mr. Budenz's theme is that the activities of the Communist party within our borders are still our greatest concern. This is our danger, he says: the pooh-poohing of his and similar warnings, leading to widespread disinterest. Less important is *A DECLARATION OF FAITH* (Houghton, Mifflin, \$3), by Herbert Agar, who scrutinizes the past search of answers to the problems of the present. Unlike Henry Adams, Agar does not believe in man's almost complete subjugation to external forces; he unhesitatingly asserts a belief in individual free choice and the ability to determine one's own destiny and that of the world.

Lyman Bryson in *THE NEXT AMERICA* (Harper, \$3.50) tries to project

his ideals into the concrete future, with disappointing results. Bryson fears lest collectives—be they corporations, labor unions, political parties or churches—restrict the freedom of individuals. This regimentation would be all the more easily accomplished since many individuals prefer the security which collectives offer to the freedom which they endanger. He proposes instead an extreme sort of individualism which vitiates his stout defense of the dignity of the individual. And while he prefers spiritual fulfillment to material gain, his treatise is marred by an earthbound humanism. He ignores the question of God's existence and man's obligation to serve Him. **GEORGE A. KELLY**

#### MORALITY IN GOVERNMENT

Since the "mess" in Washington was so frequently debated before and during the recent Presidential campaign, it is not surprising to find the same topic appearing among the books published in recent months. An optimistic view is expressed by Paul H. Appleby in *MORALITY AND ADMINISTRATION IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT* (Louisiana State, \$4). In Mr. Appleby's estimation recent scandals involve, for the most part, political appointees. Indeed, the over-all moral standards of public administrators are higher than formerly and are higher than in nongovernmental circles. Moreover, the very outrage of the public over the cases of proved corruption points to the high expectations of the people with respect to the men who form their National Government.

A similar opinion is expressed by Paul H. Douglas, Democratic Senator from Illinois, in *ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT* (Harvard, \$2.25). While severe in his criticism of some current practices in both the legislative and executive branches of our Federal Government, Senator Douglas thinks that an overwhelming majority of public servants are entirely honest and that the standards of ethics in government have been rising, with occasional lapses, throughout history. Senator Douglas goes on to describe the policy to be pursued by Congressmen in regard to gifts and similar matters.

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George A. Graham in his *MORALITY IN AMERICAN POLITICS* (Random House, \$3.50) analyzes several factors in the neglect by Americans of ethical values in public affairs. He blames the mechanical stability of our system of representative government, the widespread public belief in the automatic qualities of the economic system, our great emphasis upon constitutionalism and legalism, and the substantial achievements of our society in safeguarding American freedom and welfare.

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The voting public is subjected to scrutiny in *AMERICA'S GREATEST CHALLENGE* (Civic Education Service, \$2.75). The authors, Walter E. Myer and Clay Coss, contend that although we have developed our technical and industrial skills to a high degree, we have remained politically uneducated and indifferent. This book also includes a suggested list of "tools" which would help citizens keep

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### EDUCATION, SEX, CHILDREN

Concern for moral and spiritual values is manifested repeatedly these days by educators and medical men. William Clayton Bower addresses himself to the question in **MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES IN EDUCATION** (U. of Kentucky. \$3.50). Dr. Bower asks how we are to import moral and spiritual values in public schools where religion as such is not taught. His answer is that the everyday experiences, problems and curricular lessons of the school afford natural and concrete opportunities for ethical interpretations more meaningful than artificial pep talks about virtue. Valuable as these suggestions are, we fear that they will serve to accelerate the attempts of secularists to separate morality and religion—which, of course, are inseparable.

**PSYCHIATRY AND CATHOLICISM** (McGraw-Hill. \$6) is the joint work of a Franciscan, Rev. James H. VanderVelt, and a psychiatrist, Dr. Robert P. Odenwald, both members of the faculty of the Catholic University of America. The authors approve psychoanalysis as a technique but reject the philosophy often associated with the system. Among the topics treated well are: religion and psychiatry, the priest and mental health, scrupulosity and sex education. The book's chief defects are found in connection with clinical psychiatric subjects.

The Christian attitude toward sex and the manner in which such an attitude may best be communicated to children is being presented these days by the Catholic press in a forthright and positive way. One of the recent books in this field is **CHRISTIAN DESIGN FOR SEX** (Fides. \$3.50), by Joseph Buckley, S.M. Father Buckley correctly maintains that attitudes toward sex are more important than mere factual information. He presents a positive defense of purity based on a full appreciation of the attractiveness of sex and the supernatural character of Christian life.

**SEX-CHARACTER EDUCATION** (Macmillan. \$2.75) is, according to the subtitle, an "explaining of the facts of life to the young." Rev. John A. O'Brien collaborates with Paul Popehoe, Daniel Lord, S.J., Dr. Max Ex-

ner, Edward B. Lyman and others in this work. The very agreement on the main thesis of the book by persons of such widely divergent backgrounds is significant. The various authors emphasize the dignity of sex and its place in God's plan, and counsel us to avoid extreme attitudes toward it.

**MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY: A CATHOLIC APPROACH** (Dryden. \$3), by John J. Kane, is an effective combination of sociological facts and Catholic doctrine. The author is the father of four children. His style is readable and straightforward. Among the topics treated are: courtship and marriage, success and failure in marriage, personality factors, mixed marriage, contraception, parent-child relations and sex education.



A valuable addition to the literature concerned with child guidance is Irving W. Stout's **THE DISCIPLINE OF WELL-ADJUSTED CHILDREN** (Day. \$3.75). The author is a professional consultant in child development. He presents in this volume an analysis of discipline that has worked. Parents of 414 well-adjusted children report here how they discipline and motivate their children.

A nun who declares: "I have never seen a small child I couldn't love" presents in **YOUR FAMILY CIRCLE** (Bruce. \$2.75) practical suggestions concerning the education and discipline of children. The author, Sister Jean Patrice, C.S.J., manifests considerable insight into the workings of little children's minds—a truly rare accomplishment.

**CHRISTOPHER'S TALKS TO CATHOLIC PARENTS** (Templegate. \$3.75) is the third of a series of treatises by Rev. David L. Greenstock. The others in the series were talks to little ones and to children. The author insists that the obligation of educating and guiding children belongs primarily to the parents; schools and other agencies play a secondary role in this all-important task. Father Greenstock offers many practical suggestions regarding re-

ligious instruction of small children and the imparting to them of sex education accommodated to their impressionable years.

Among the more satisfactory recent treatments of problem children are Frank J. Cohen's *CHILDREN IN TROUBLE* (Norton. \$3.50), *CHILDREN WHO HATE* (Free Press. \$3.50), by Fritz Redl and David Wineman, and *UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD* (Prentice-Hall. \$2.95), by James J. Hymes Jr.

In conclusion, we urge all who are concerned about the problems of the family today and about the economic and social issues of our times to read Margaret Halsey's *THE FOLKS AT HOME* (Simon & Schuster. \$3). With her customary wit and insight into the foibles of human nature, Mrs. Halsey argues that the cause of tensions in our people is the conflict between the business world and the family world. Aggression, competition and skepticism characterize the business world. Love, trust and faith are the foundations of family life. Hence, each individual finds himself torn between the demands of two mutually exclusive cultures. This is not by any means a detailed blueprint for economic reform, but it is a moving vindication of Christian social principles.

EDWARD W. O'ROURKE



One of the interesting trends this year has been the publication of a number of popular histories written from the viewpoint of the "average citizen" of the period under discussion and intended for the "average citizen" of today.

How does it really feel, for example, to be a revolutionary? Priscilla Robertson answers. Her *Revolutions of 1848: A Social History* (Princeton. \$6) will tell you what it was like to be a student in Vienna, or an Italian patriot, or a worker in Paris, during a year of continental upheaval. Carl Wittke's *Refugees of Revolution: The German Forty-Eighters in America* (Pennsylvania. \$6) makes it possible for you to join the thousands of "plain people" who emigrated from Germany after 1848. John W. Dodd's *The Age of Paradox* (Rinehart. \$6) is a vivid

portrayal of what England meant to the "average citizen" during the years 1841-1851; it's replete with 192 fascinating illustrations. For an exciting personal-adventure history we would suggest David Howarth's *Across to Norway* (Sloane. \$3.75), which takes you on unescorted fishing boats from a British base in the Shetland Islands off the coast of Scotland to occupied Norway during World War II as part of a shuttle service to harass the Nazis.

#### COLONIES, CIVIL WAR

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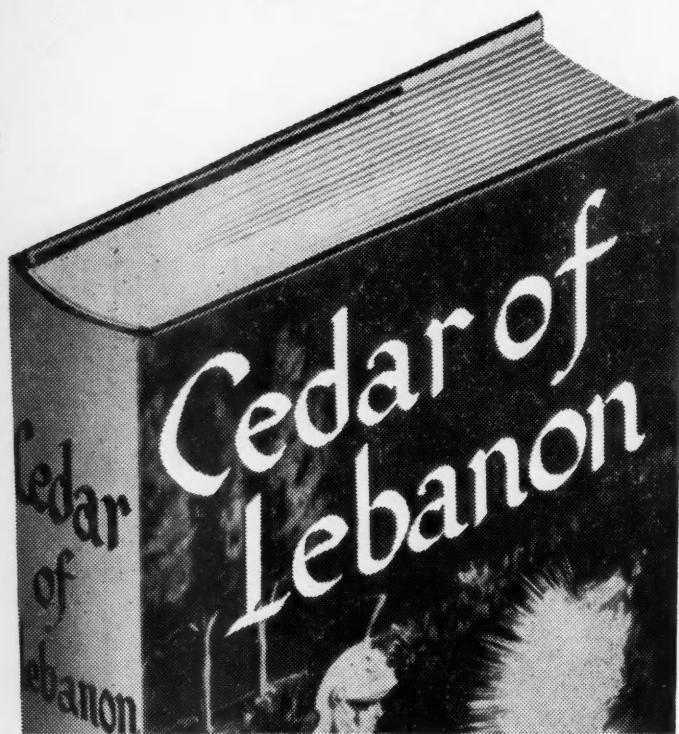
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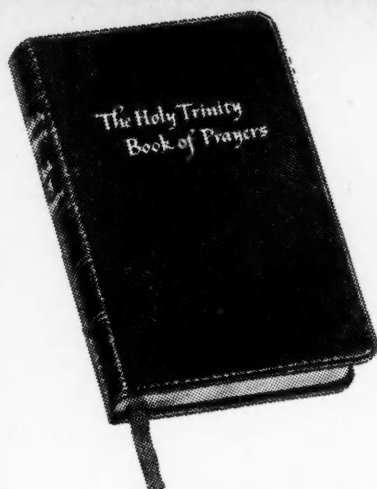
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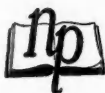
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There is also a learned but dry account of a Mexican Emperor in **ITURBIDE OF MEXICO**, by William Spence Robertson (Duke. \$6). The author gives a thorough and objective study of his subject but limits the appeal of his book by presupposing a more extensive knowledge of nineteenth-century Mexico than any but a student of the period could be expected to possess.

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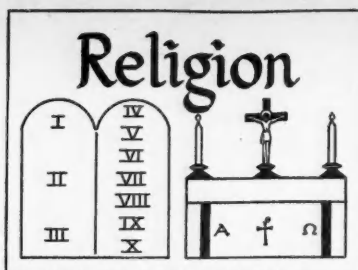
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#### BOOKS FOR THE SCHOLAR

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The simple title *GRACE* belies the profundity of a commentary by Rev. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P., on the doctrine of St. Thomas expressed in the *Summa*, Ia IIae, QQ. 109-114. The distinguished Roman doctor reviews and elucidates some of the most difficult problems of all theology. The book was translated by the Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, California, and was published by Herder (\$7.50).

Admirers of Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange may be somewhat disappointed in his recent work on "the four last things," translated by Rev. Patrick Cummins, O.S.B., under the title *LIFE ETERNAL* (Herder, \$4.50). The author proceeds with his usual precise orderliness and is, of course, complete master of the dogmatic aspects of eschatology. Yet the presentation fails, in some respects, to attain the quality representative of his best works.

Rev. Francis L. Filas, S.J., presents a formal and erudite treatment of the fatherhood of St. Joseph in *JOSEPH AND JESUS* (Bruce, \$3.50). Fr. Filas seeks in patristic sources the reason why modern devotional literature emphasizes St. Joseph's role as protector and guide rather than as the true husband of Mary. He then solidly establishes the point that Catholic tradition (in the formal theological sense) accords to St. Joseph a father-ship of Jesus which is true and real though existing only in the moral, not in the physical order.

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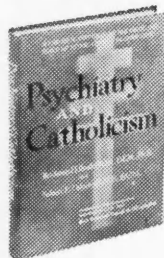
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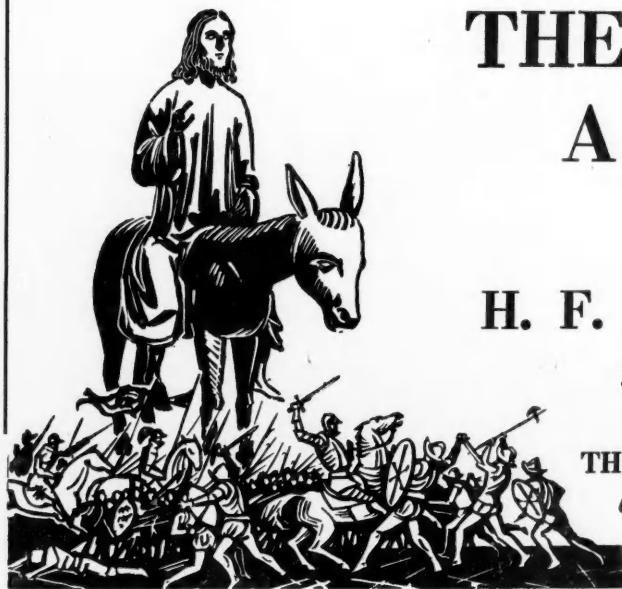
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Rev. F. X. Murphy, C.S.S.R., has gathered into an excellent volume called *A MONUMENT TO ST. JEROME* (Sheed & Ward. \$4.50) a series of learned pen-sketches on the cryptic saint and scholar to whom we owe the Latin Vulgate version of the Bible.

Contemporary to St. Jerome, St. Basil the Great is far more intimately known to us. The *Fathers of the Church* series attains its thirteenth volume in *ST. BASIL, LETTERS, I* (\$4.50) ably translated by Sister Agnes Clare Way. The book contains 185 letters, half of the extant correspondence belonging to the last two decades of his life. Dr. Roy J. Deferrari contributed valuable notes to the text.

Speaking of correspondence, one of the great treasures of Spanish literature is laid open to English-speaking readers in *THE LETTERS OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS*, translated and edited by E. Allison Peers (Newman. \$10). Based on the authoritative Spanish edition of Padre Silvero de Santa Teresa, the 458 annotated letters fill two volumes totaling 1,006 pages.

Medieval studies are the richer in several ways for the publication of Beryl Smalley's *THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE AGES* (Philosophical Library. \$7.50). The work is of primary significance, of course,

for theologians and historians concerned with the religious phase of northern and western Europe up to the year 1300. It also breaks a trail, however, for new explorations in medieval literature and art.

Biblical scholars may well hail a new 787-page volume prepared by Rev. Hugh Pope, O.P., revised and amplified by Rev. Sebastian Bullough, O.P., and called *ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE* (Herder. \$10). Encyclopedic research was required for this tome, which presents thorough and reliable information on the sundry English-language versions of the Bible, Catholic and Protestant, from the earliest Anglo-Saxon texts and glosses to the translations and editions of 1950. The authors put each version in its proper historical setting. This monumental work fills a long-felt need.

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business or a fertile farm. Others de-  
light in their special talents as  
orators or painters or musicians.  
Others find satisfaction in the labor  
of their skilled hands or strong backs.

And Christ, if we read the Gospel  
aright, looks down into each heart and  
warns that all these things have their  
hour. Money and land, skill and  
strength, though they give man plea-  
sure for a while, are never securely  
his. Any one of a hundred accidents  
can strip him of all that he loves most  
upon earth.

Our Lord speaks, too, of the end of  
the world. He pictures "... men  
fainting for fear and for the expecta-  
tion of the things that are coming  
upon the world; for the powers of  
heaven will be shaken."

No one can be sure, of course,  
whether the world's Last Day will  
come while he is still alive. But each  
does know that at least *for him* there  
will be a Last Day on earth. All that  
the Saviour says about the unexpect-  
tedness of His final coming, its terror  
for those who are unprepared, its joy  
and triumph for those who are in  
sanctifying grace, he can apply to that  
moment when he is to draw his last  
breath.

Our Lord's message would be bleak  
indeed, however, if He were merely  
warning men of the insecurity of tem-  
poral goods and the certainty of  
death. Rather, having swept away  
the claims of earthly possessions and  
even of temporal existence, He puts  
into their place His promise of life  
eternal: "Heaven and earth will pass  
away, but My words will not pass  
away."

The things a man cherishes will  
be lost, his life will be taken from him,  
the material world itself will at length  
be destroyed. But Christ is unchang-  
ing. The Saviour offers every man un-  
failing help to overcome in the battles  
of this life and an absolutely sure re-  
ward at life's close.

The first Sunday of Advent not  
only begins the season of prayerful  
preparation for the feast of our Lord's  
Nativity, but stands as an introduction  
to the whole liturgical year. On that  
day the Church proposes a brief rule  
to set man's sense of values straight:  
*The body and its goods will pass  
away, but the soul and Christ are  
eternal.*

Here is a slogan which will steady  
a man in those bitter days when  
failure or sorrow battle for his heart,  
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## FILMS

**PLYMOUTH ADVENTURE.** Dore Schary, MGM's progressive, youngish studio chief, has a philosophy of movie-making which combines an idealistic affirmation of the screen's responsibility to its public with a hard-headed realization that what pays off at the box-office is so-called popular entertainment. This picture, personally produced by Schary and adapted from Ernest Gebler's novel about the voyage of the *Mayflower*, is a very good example of the "half-a-loaf" movie (Schary's own phrase) which results from sugar-coating an important theme for popular consumption.

A good many typical Hollywood faults can be laid at the picture's door. Its principals, in the midst of killing hardships and privations, remain entirely too clean and healthy-looking. Its chief romantic complication—a largely unrequited attraction between the *Mayflower's* cynical captain (Spencer Tracy) and the wife (Gene Tierney) of the expedition's leader (Leo Genn)—is both unbelievable and, in its polite and understated way, an equating of lust with love. The otherwise muted and unusually effective Technicolor photography slips over at the finale into cloying travelog pastels to infer with portentous unreality that life can be beautiful in the Bay colony.

Nevertheless, for *adults* the film has a lot to recommend it. It is extremely impressive in technical details such as the simulation of a storm at sea. Moreover, despite the unfortunate prettifying, Clarence Brown's direction is such that author Gebler's myth-puncturing view of a much sentimentalized historical event comes to life on the screen in terms of real people facing real and almost unimaginable hardships and dangers.

**THE IRON MISTRESS.** It would be a mistake to imagine that the title of this film is intended as a description of its leading lady, Virginia Mayo. Actually, the honor of playing the title role goes to the wickedly efficient hunting knife which James Bowie (Alan Ladd) caused to be forged when he found himself in a position where self-defense was literally a matter of life and death. Nevertheless Miss Mayo, playing a particularly deadly and, incidentally, ridiculous specimen of the *femme fatale*, deserves most of the credit for the film's very considerable bloodshed.

The scene is early nineteenth-century New Orleans, and Miss Mayo is a heartless and meltingly lovely aristocrat for whose insincerely promised favors the backwoodsman hero makes a fortune and becomes reluctantly involved in duels and other assorted acts of violence which eliminate eight important characters. Paul Wellman's novel, on which the film is based, evidently had some stature, but the movie is a lot of hard-breathing, disedifying Technicolor nonsense, highlighted by some striking knife- and sword-play. (Warner)

**THE TURNING POINT** is built around the currently favorite gimmick for screen melodrama—the Senate

Crime Investigation. The picture is quite effective for *adults* when its combined Kefauver and Rudolph Halley (Edmund O'Brien) is fencing across the witness table with chief mobster Ed Begley or when crime reporter William Holden is tracking down reluctant witnesses and uncovering skeletons in the closet. It succumbs to the usual irrelevant and immaterial plot contrivances by having both leading men in love with the same girl (Alexis Smith). Even here it manages a saving hint of originality by finally contriving a conclusion that runs counter to the expected happy ending.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### Unesco and Spain

EDITOR: On page 59 of the Oct. 18 AMERICA, reference is made to the annual meeting of the U. S. National Commission for Unesco, concerning the admission of Spain as a member state of Unesco.

In the interests of clarity, I would like to inform you of the course of events in the consideration of this question.

At its twentieth meeting, on May 9, 1952, the Executive Committee of the National Commission was informed that the United Nations had lifted its ban against Spanish membership in the Specialized Agencies, and that Spain had subsequently requested membership in Unesco. In accordance with established procedures, this request would first be considered by the UN Economic and Social Council, where approval seemed certain and where the United States would support Spain's application. The Unesco Executive Board would then consider the matter at its thirtieth meeting, and final decision would be reached at the Seventh Session of the Unesco General Conference.

The Executive Committee, after discussion, advised the Department of State against the admission of Spain to Unesco, and in so doing included both the minority and majority considerations.

The U. S. member of the Executive Board of Unesco, who serves in an individual capacity but who was also at that time chairman of the National Commission, instructed his alternate at the thirtieth session of the Executive Board to vote in favor of Spain's admission to Unesco.

At its twenty-first meeting, held September 12-13, 1952, the Executive Committee received a letter on this subject addressed to the Chairman of the National Commission by the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, informing the Executive Committee that the State Department appreciated the point of view expressed by the Executive Committee but believed that the United States should maintain its present position and vote for the admission of Spain when its application is considered by the Seventh Session of the General Conference of Unesco now meeting in Paris.

The resolution adopted by the Executive Committee, together with the reply from the Department of State, was submitted to the National Com-

mission at its eleventh meeting, held in Washington, D. C., October 2-4, 1952, for its information. Under these circumstances the Commission received this information; no discussion or action took place.

RICHARD H. HEINDEL  
Acting Executive Secretary  
U. S. National Commission  
for Unesco

Washington, D. C.

(Spain was admitted to membership in Unesco, Nov. 19. Ed.)

### Collegiate opinion

EDITOR: I am a sophomore at the College of St. Catherine, and am taking an introductory course in sociology. Through this course I have become acquainted with AMERICA.

I am impressed and highly enthused when reading it. My main reason for enjoying it is that it presents the reader with a general and unbiased assortment and variation of interesting articles.

The article that most impressed me recently was Feature "X," by Mrs. Katharine Dooley, in your Oct. 18 issue. Her suggestion of prayer in regard to the national election was a fine one and one that few people had thought of.

MARIE PETERSON

### Last word

EDITOR: Before the discussion of Feature "X" aroused by my letter of Oct. 18 is finally dropped, may I be permitted a brief statement in rebuttal?

I do not object to Feature "X" articles *per se*. In particular, I do not object to articles exposing the difficulties encountered in mixed marriages. However, I am still of the opinion that Mrs. Capstick's story, even though based on fact, was below the high standards of AMERICA's other departments.

EDWIN MCKEON

Philadelphia, Pa.

### In brief, not a Bull

EDITOR: In the Nov. 8 AMERICA I have noticed an error in Rev. John J. Healy, S.J.'s review of *The History of the Popes* (pp. 159-60). Father Healy mentions the "Bull of Suppression." I have looked the matter up in several approved authors and find that the word used in connection with the Suppression is "Brief" and not "Bull."

(REV.) PATRICK J. O'REILLY, S.J.  
Chehalis, Wash.

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